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Title: METHOD FOR MAKING CHARACTER  
STRINGS, POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND  
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CHARACTERISTICS

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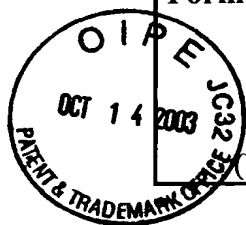
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